

SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS.

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Rain; Thursday, light rain; Friday, rain. Wind: Thursday, light northwesterly; Friday, light southerly. Temperature: Thursday, 45 to 60; Friday, 45 to 60.

The warm, sultry weather continued yesterday, the thermometer reaching 72 degrees at 3 P. M., just before midnight rain began to fall, freshening the atmosphere considerably.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

5 A. M.	53
12 M.	61
5 P. M.	72
10 P. M.	68
12 M.	65
Average	61.8

Highest temperature yesterday.....74
Lowest temperature yesterday.....48
Mean temperature yesterday.....61
Normal temperature for November.....61
Normal temperature for the month.....61
Precipitation during past 24 hours......07

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
November 5, 1908.
Sun rises.....5:40
Sun sets.....5:18
Moon rises.....5:40
Moon sets.....4:35

Richmond.

Boys steal goods of various kinds and conceal them under a church—Complete returns from Henrico county give Todd a majority of 15; grand jury likely to investigate the election—Mrs. White sent to the grand jury; her place to be broken up by the police—Passenger agents to take an attractive trip South—United States Court to convene to-day—T. P. A. people to make a fight—Military organizations and veterans arranging to attend the Crater reunion—Dr. Johnson's lecture on first aid to be given to-night—Legislature to convene here next Tuesday—Nobis wedding here yesterday—New houses for Lee District—List of those who have secured quarters in the Chesterfield flats—Brotherhood of St. Andrew's to give a banquet to-night—The Convention of Christian Churches—Wedding yesterday of Colonel John Murphy, a missing man in the Spanish war—A pretty infant for adoption—\$1000 for a night—Council committee—Mr. George A. Lee, a missing man in the Spanish war—Marriage anniversary—Ladies' Aid Society chooses officers.

Virginia.

Nearly complete returns from the State at large show a change in the Times-Dispatch election tables this morning. The election is now a toss-up between the two parties. The Times-Dispatch has a lead in the State at large, but the Democrats have a lead in the counties. The election is now a toss-up between the two parties.

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General.

Stock market is insignificant, and after short session of increased activity it again falls into professional rut and prices are somewhat. Later, the President's election is expected to have a large majority on joint ballot of the Legislature. Two more delegates to the American Convention are expected to be elected from the State. The election is now a toss-up between the two parties.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

They Are Felt at St. Louis, Memphis and Other Places.
(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, Nov. 4.—The city and vicinity experienced a series of earthquake shocks at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon. There is a difference of opinion as to how many. The earthquake was perceptible all over the city, and was mostly felt in the high business blocks in the downtown section of the city. One occupant of a high building said his chandelier swung three inches. The movement was from east to west.

A long distance telephone message from Louisiana, Mo., says that a perceptible shock was felt about the same time. Reports of shocks have been received from points in Illinois and Indiana.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 4.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here to-day. No damage resulted in Memphis or vicinity, but occupants of the principal office buildings made hasty exits at 12:15 P. M., while the second was timed at 1:30 o'clock. Many buildings swayed, and in the Business Men's Club the chandeliers were broken. In three of the largest office buildings in the city shocks were especially noticeable and caused consternation among the tenants.

Reports from surrounding to show tell of earthquake shocks, but no serious damage is reported. Vibrations were felt as far south as Grenada, Miss.

COLUMBIA, TENN., Nov. 4.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

FEARFUL AND FATAL EXPLOSION

Six Men Killed and Six Injured.

THEIR BODIES HORRIBLY MANGLED

Fragments Hurlled Hundreds of Feet by Concussion, Which Was Felt for Miles.

FLAMES FOLLOW TO INCREASE DANGER

Marines Fight Fire for Hours at Risk of Their Lives From Shells, Which Were Bursting With All the Sounds of a Battle-Field—Barracks Demolished.

(By Associated Press.)

IONA ISLAND, N. Y., November 4.—Six men were killed and six slightly injured this afternoon by an explosion at the United States naval arsenal, one of the largest magazines in the United States, which is located here.

The explosion occurred while men were drawing the explosive charges from a consignment of old shells recently sent here from the battleship Massachusetts.

Three massive shell houses were completely destroyed, and a rain of fragments of projectiles of all sizes were scattered in every direction.

The force of the explosion, or series of explosions, broke windows at Peekskill, three miles below, on the opposite side of the Hudson, and the detonation was heard for many miles. Adjacent buildings, including two storehouses for fixed ammunition, were riddled with the fragments, and the quarters of the eleven marines composing the garrison were completely demolished.

The dead, all of whom were workmen employed by the naval ordnance department, are Fred Ward, Stony Point; Geo. Morehead, Tompkins Cove; Fred O. Locke, Peekskill; Patrick Curran, West Haverstraw; Fred Brown, Haverstraw; James Connolly, Peekskill.

The bodies were frightfully mangled, fragments being hurled hundreds of feet.

MANY EXPLOSIONS.

The island, which has been used as an arsenal for a year, is in the Hudson River forty miles from New York, and shells and ammunition of all kinds were stored there. The detonation of part of the charge of a shell being unloaded in shell house No. 1 exploded all the other shells in the house, and the fragments of shells driven into the adjoining houses exploded their contents.

There were two main explosions, with an interval of several minutes between, and a succession of minor ones, as individual shells went off. Fire followed, and for several hours the marines fought the flames, in imminent danger from constantly exploding shells. Physicians and nurses from West Point, Peekskill and Haverstraw hurried to the island and attended the injured, one of whom was seriously hurt.

A large amount of fixed ammunition stored in the building from which the roof was blown did not explode, and the two main powder magazines were at the other end of the island, out of danger.

Clocks Stopped.

The force of the main explosion is shown by the fact that a fragment of stone lintel, three feet long, was found about 200 yards from the doorway to which it belonged. Smaller pieces were hurled clear across the Hudson. Clocks for several miles were stopped by the shock.

Besides Gunner Otto Fries and the guard of marines, ten or twelve magazine tenders and attendants lived on the island with their families. The hundred or more workmen resided in adjacent towns.

Gunner Fries was standing near the shell house when the first explosion occurred, but his injuries, like those of the others, consisted only of cuts and bruises. One workman had a miraculous escape. He was inside the shell house when the first explosion occurred and though dazed and almost senseless, managed to get out of the building.

STOLEN GOODS HID UNDER CHURCH

Baptist Deacons Are Very Much Amazed at the Discovery.

To the amazement and consternation of the deacons and other members of the East End Baptist Church, of this city, it has just been brought to light that an abandoned furnace room under the church has for some time past been made the store-room for a gang of youthful thieves.

According to a member of the church, probably a hundred dollars' worth of pilfered goods, including clothing, food and so on, was discovered in the cellar. The room was formerly used in heating the church, but has since been abandoned. The thieves are attributed to a small gang of white boys, who have been operating in Richmond and transferring their booty to the church for safe-keeping.

IS TRAINING FOR MATCH WITH SHARKEY

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Nov. 4.—Tom Jenkins, of Cleveland, champion wrestler of the world, has arrived here, and has gone in training for his match with Tom Sharkey, of New York, at the Carnival State Stadium. A letter from Sharkey states that he will arrive Friday afternoon. The contest for the championship of the world is to occur Saturday night.

NO WIDE-OPEN TOWN SAYS MR. JEROME

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—District Attorney Jerome said to-night: "If they think they are going to have an open town, they have made the biggest mistake of their lives. I am going after the gamblers and dice players and I am going to get the evidence, I can get money. If this city wants the spectacle of its District Attorney applying to private funds for the purpose of enforcing the laws, that spectacle will be shown. I can get all the money I want."

AWARD AN INCREASE OF THEIR WAGES

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—The decision of the commission in the San Francisco street railway wage arbitration, handed down to-day, awards an increase of ten per cent. in wages to employees employed for two years prior to April 1, 1908, and of five per cent. to those of less service. Hours were left unchanged, and the wage rate was deemed effective from May 1, 1908, to May 1, 1909.

MRS. MELTON CAUGHT ON FENDER OF CAR

Considerable excitement was created in the neighborhood of the Henrico Court-house on East Main Street last night when a white woman named Mrs. Melton was caught on the fender of a street car and shaken up considerably. Mrs. Melton lives just across from the courthouse. The husband of one of her daughters was arrested last night on a street car and street car going west at the time. Her escape from serious injury was very narrow.

She was caught up on the fender and shaken up a good deal, but was not badly hurt. So far as could be ascertained no bones were broken.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT LEIGH-STREET CHURCH

A largely attended missionary mass meeting was held last night at the Leigh Street Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

The occasion was in every respect a very delightful one. Dr. Robert J. Williamson, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, delivered an address, in which he called attention to the work of women for missions. Captain Frank Cunningham was present and sang a solo. A large collection for foreign missions was taken up. Light refreshments were served at the end of the service.

THE BLUES GO TO PETERSBURG TO-MORROW

A large representation of the Blues' Battalion at the Crater reunion near Petersburg to-morrow is assured. There was an enthusiastic meeting held last night at the armory, and it was decided that the organization shall pay the expenses. It will, therefore, cost the individual nothing.

It is expected that at least forty-five men from each company will go, and the Blues' splendid band will be taken along. The Blues will leave on the 9 o'clock train, and will reach home on the return early to-morrow night. Members of the organization will also be present. It is eminently fitting that the Blues should take part in this reunion since they took a prominent part in the battle so many years ago.

BURRUS SHIFLETT FOUND NOT GUILTY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., Nov. 4.—The trial of Burrus Shiflett, charged with the murder of Jesse Lawson, a farmer in the Blue Ridge Mountains, several months ago, was concluded in the County Court this afternoon, the jury rendering a verdict of not guilty.

GOT MONEY FOR DEFEAT OF BILL

Former Lieutenant-Governor of Missouri on Stand in Bribery Case.

(By Associated Press.)

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Nov. 4.—In the trial of Senator Farris, charged with bribery, former Lieutenant-Governor John A. Lee took the stand to-day. He said he asked Farris to help defeat the bill to repeal the law prohibiting the use of alum in baking powder. Farris, witness testified, said it could be easily done by holding the bill in committee, but that the bill was an important one to the Royal Baking Powder Company, and that the boys of the committee needed money. He wanted \$7,000, of which \$1,000 was to go to each of six members of the committee on criminal jurisprudence of the Senate, and \$1,000 to the Senator who introduced the bill.

Lee arranged by telephone and telegram, he said, with Daniel J. Kelley to get the money. A check for \$8,500 was received by Lee and deposited in the American Exchange Bank of St. Louis. The bill was defeated, and he drew out \$7,000 of the money and gave it to Senator Farris in his room at the Laclede Hotel. Farris divided the money into packages of \$1,000 each. Lee got \$1,500 for his interest in the matter.

GORMAN STOCK ON UP GRADE

Maryland Victory is Better Than Expected.

DEMOCRAT TO SUCCEED M'COMAS

There Are Three Avowed Candidates, With Chances Favoring Governor Smith.

LATER RETURNS OF THE ELECTION

New York Victory Was as Sweeping for Democrats as That in Ohio for Senator Hanna and the Republicans—Rhode Island is Democratic.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BALTIMORE, MD., Nov. 4.—Election returns received to midnight indicate that the plurality of Warfield, Democrat, elected Governor, may reach 120, a figure much higher than was expected.

The Democrats made heavy gains in nearly every county of the State. Many thousands of ballots were rejected because of improper marking. This, into the vote of both parties, but hurt the Republicans most, as they had the greater number of ignorant voters. The new Legislature was over two-thirds Democratic and the party will have a free hand in projected legislation.

The Assembly will choose a Democrat to succeed Louis E. McComas in the United States Senate. There are three avowed candidates in the field, Governor John Walter Smith, Attorney-General Isador Raynor, and ex-Governor E. E. Jackson. All three are millionaires and put much money in the recent campaign to help their chances. The result of the election gives Smith the advantage. Besides his belief in the Republican party, Governor Smith has the backing of Senator Gorman. He has the most votes in sight.

The most important measure to come up in the Legislature is a plan to disfranchise the negroes. The details of the plan have not been worked out, but the Democratic leaders and Governor-elect Warfield, say they will immediately set about to rid Maryland of the negro in politics. It may be done by amendments to the present election law, by a constitutional amendment, which must be submitted to the people, or there may be a scheme to create certain counties in the black belt into a municipal form of government so that they but tax-payers have a right to vote for certain officers.

As a result of yesterday's election, Gorman's presidential stock has taken a big boom in this State. Senator Gorman made the negro the issue in this election, and made it a special point to attack the attitude of President Roosevelt on this question. The result was a greater victory than even the Democrats themselves expected.

VOTE IN NEW YORK.

McClellan's Majority is Exactly 63,617.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—George B. McClellan, Democrat, will be the next Mayor of Greater New York, having defeated Mayor Seth Low for re-election by a plurality of 63,617, complete unofficial returns having been received from every election district in the city. By the same returns Controller Edward M. Grout and Charles V. Fornes, president of the Board of Aldermen, running for re-election on the Democratic ticket, though elected two years ago as Fusionists, defeated their Fusion opponents by 66,790 and 64,973 plurality.

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FATAL COLLISION OF CABLE CARS

One Girl Killed and Fifty Passengers Injured in Accident Due to Fog.

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, MO., November 4.—One person was killed outright and fifty others injured, two of them, perhaps, fatally, in the collision of two cable cars in a fog early to-day on the steep Twelfth Street viaduct. Most of the injured were school girls on their way from their homes in Kansas City, Kan., to the big department stores on the Missouri side.

The dead girl, Nellie Luscombe, aged twenty, a clerk, was killed instantly. She was found buried beneath the debris of the wrecked trains. A small piece of steel, the size of a lead pencil, had been driven into the girl's skull between the eyes, and the left side of her head was crushed. She was so badly disfigured that it was several hours before she was identified.

Of the injured, Carrie Mooney, also a very good clerk, who had both legs broken, and Herman Watkins, a clerk in the Methodist book concern, whose jaw was broken and who was otherwise hurt, will die, it is believed.

Seventeen others were more or less seriously hurt, five of them sustaining broken bones. The other thirty-four injured sustained only minor cuts and bruises. All the injured live in Kansas City, Kan., or its suburbs.

HE SECRETLY WEDS HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GAINESVILLE, GA., Nov. 4.—Professor N. H. Minzey, principal of Sardis Institute, and one of the best known educators in Northeast Georgia, surprised his friends to-day by announcing that two weeks ago he took for his wife Mrs. Kate Seesby, the mother of his deceased wife, whose death occurred a few months ago.

HANNA VS. A. P. GORMAN

Results of Tuesday Thought Likely to Bring About Contest Between the Two.

MARYLANDER STRENGTHENED

Issue Was Between Him and Roosevelt, and the Latter Lost in Republican State.

(By Associated Press.)

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Colorado Building, Fourteenth and G Sts., Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.

An Ohio Republican, who holds a high position in the Treasury Department, said to-day that the result of the elections yesterday made it plain that Gorman would be the Democratic candidate for the Presidency next year, and that Hanna would have to be nominated by the Republicans.

"Roosevelt can't beat Gorman," he said. "He tried it in Maryland as much as if he and Gorman had been running. Roosevelt lost by a big majority. Maryland is a Republican State—that is, we have so regarded it for several years now. Gorman made the issue squarely on race lines. If his friends are in control of the Democratic party next year it is a certainty that the anti-negro plank will be the feature of the platform. It will strengthen the party. Business men are afraid of Roosevelt. They trust Gorman and Hanna. Hanna can be nominated if he will."

It seems to be the prevailing opinion among Democrats here that McEllan will not develop much strength as a presidential candidate. He is hardly so great a calibre. His victory in New York is looked upon as an endorsement of Democracy and a rebuke to Roosevelt. It strengthens Parker and Hearst, New York's candidates for the presidential nomination. The Maryland result puts Gorman to the fore, and the election of McEllan also helps the Maryland Senator. "It's all in the family, as an enthusiastic Gorman man said to-day."

A Tennesseean, who resided for many years in Baltimore, and is now holding a position in the pension office, said to-day that if Roosevelt were the nominee next year, and Gorman were the Democratic standard bearer, he should for the first time in all his life vote the Democratic ticket.

"And I am sixty-eight years old," he added.

It was stated at the White House to-day by one of the assistant secretaries, that the President was gratified at the general result of the elections. I tried to learn the special source of his gratification, but was told that "the President thought that whenever the contest was on strict party lines and questions, the Republican gains were very decided."

I met Colonel R. E. Lee to-day on the Avenue, just after his return from his home in Fairfax county.

"There isn't any doubt of my re-election to the House of Delegates," he said, "but I can't learn my majority."

"Wasn't it glorious?" he continued, speaking of the general election results. "I think the returns had in them everything to encourage Democrats."

The interest taken in the elections in Virginia by Virginians living in Washington was evidenced by the fact that by 3 o'clock to-day The Times-Dispatch could not be had at any newsstand in Washington. "They went like hot cakes to-day," said the man at the stand at the Raleigh.

BLOWS BRAINS OUT ON WEDDING NIGHT

William Warren Left a Sealed Letter to Girl He Was to Marry.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Nov. 4.—"Tell Little she will find my dead body in the bath room and notify Worthington that he need not send the cab, as there will be no wedding to-night."

Having written the above on a piece of paper and placed it under the front door of his newly furnished house to-day, William Warren, aged forty-five years, a newspaper man of Chester, went to the bath room and blew out his brains with a revolver. Warren was to have been married to Miss Lillian Robertson, of this city, to-night.

A sealed note addressed to Miss Robertson was found on Warren's body, but the corner will not make public its contents. The reason for Warren taking his life, is not definitely known. He is said to have a wife in England, which country he left seventeen years ago. After his arrival in Chester, he married a young woman, who died about three years ago.

Ran Into a Work Train.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 4.—A local passenger train from Charlotte to Chesapeake, on the Southern Railway, ran into a work train near Chester to-day. The negro fireman on the passenger train was killed and several passengers were badly shaken up.

ANOTHER REPUBLIC

Independence of Panama Declared Amid Scenes of Great Enthusiasm.

REVOLUTIONISTS HOLD CITY

(By Associated Press.)

COLON, COLOMBIA, November 4.—Without the firing of a shot, and amid scenes of great enthusiasm, the independence of the isthmus and the department of Panama was declared last evening.

The city of Panama is now in the hands of the revolutionists, and no serious attempt has been made to recapture it. The Colombian gunboat Bogota arrived in the harbor after the declaration of independence and threw a few shells into the city, without doing damage to life or property. Perfect order prevails in Colon to-night, and trans-isthmian trains are running as usual, without interruption.

The presence of the United States gunboat Nashville at Colon is believed to have resulted in the avoidance of serious trouble. As the result of a conference here, Colonel Torres, commanding the troops at Colon, has just sent on a special train to Panama a representative to confer with General Tovar, whose unconditional release was demanded.

A proposal was made to Colonel Torres that the American troops will return to the Nashville if he guarantees to maintain order. This proposal was to-night accepted by Colonel Torres.

Public alarm in Colon is now somewhat abated.

The act of independence has just been signed at Panama.

During the excitement this afternoon the blue jackets from the Nashville quickly placed piles of cotton on the tops of freight cars, forming excellent barricades. Many of the citizens were armed with rifles and revolvers. Several Americans and other foreigners took refuge on board the German steamer Markomann. The captain of the steamer is that the isthmian canal is now assured.

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RUSSELL COUNTY IN DOUBT

Other Districts Have All Been Heard From.

TATE IRVINE HAS BEEN DEFEATED

Fulton, Also, is Shown by Partial Returns to Have Lost His Fight.

VALLEY SECTION STOOD UP WELL

Sends Only Two Republicans to the Legislature, But the Democrats Make Bad Showing in the Southwest—Complexion of Legislature Practically Unchanged.

With Russell county still not heard from, the new Legislature will stand on joint ballot, Democrats, 118; Republicans, 18; Fusionists, 2; and Independents, 2. The Fusionists won in Norfolk county, and their two members will likely not be admitted into the Democratic caucus, as the State Committee endorsed the Straightouts as the regular party nominees. Late returns from Nelson give that county to Everett (Democrat) over Goodwin (Republican) by about 20, and the old county hitherto always Democratic was swung back to her old moorings.

Mr. N. T. Spessard (Democrat) defeats Hon. H. L. Garrett in Alleghany and Craig, and H. A. Latane is elected over Simmons (Independent) in Botetourt by a large majority.

Hon. W. H. Graveley (Democrat) comes back from Henry by about 300 majority, and Hon. A. E. Mays, of Patrick, is returned over his Republican opponent.

In Dinwiddie, where the Democrats made no nominations, Clarke (Fusionist) has defeated Vance by a slight majority. They are both Democrats.

In Lunenburg, where the same conditions prevailed, Hon. George T. Bridgforth, a strong Mann bill advocate, wins out.

WOOD WINS OUT.
J. Hunter Wood is returned from Rappahannock and Page over Samuel Hurt, Independent Republican.

The Valley counties did well for the Democrats, Senator Keessell's friends had some fears that he would fall outside the breakwaters, but the sturdy "old sycamore, of Cub Run," had been all over the ground before, and he swept his Republican opponent down, pulling through by which Stump carried it last year, he would have been a formidable candidate, but now the Democrats will have to look elsewhere for their nominee.

Carroll, Floyd, Dickenson and Wise, Lee, Montgomery